GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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WEAVERS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Traditional Silk Sector in the North Eastern Region has lately been suffering from acute shortage of weavers following their exodus under threat and fear of militants:

(b) if so, the extent to which silk production has been affected by their exodus; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide security to the traditional silk weavers and providing raw material for silk production in the NE Region ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : No, Sir. There is no such report available either in Handloom Department, Govt. of Assam or other such Commercial Agencies such as Assam Government Marketing Corporation (AGMC), Assam Artisans Apex Weavers Federation (ARTFED) etc.

(b)&(c): Questions do not arise.